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**MANCHESTER MAN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL
COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CHARGES**

Re: United States v. Mark Cayer

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. State Police Colonel Gary Sloper announced that **Mark Cayer**, date of birth 7/14/61, of Manchester, NH was convicted today of federal cocaine distribution charges.

CAYER was arrested by State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit detectives on October 28, 2002, after delivering quantities of both powder cocaine and cocaine base, also known as "crack cocaine," to a cooperating State Police informant. A subsequent search of a Manchester "stash house" utilized by CAYER resulted in the seizure over \$52,000 in apparent drug proceeds. A search of CAYER's vehicle and a Manchester hotel room used by CAYER resulted in the seizure of additional quantities of cocaine and cocaine distribution materials.

CAYER entered his guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro, who immediately detained him without bail pending his August 19, 2003 sentencing hearing in U.S. District Court in Concord. CAYER faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment. CAYER also forfeited over \$52,000 to authorities.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This case demonstrates our office's commitment to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers, including the street-level cocaine dealers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire's other larger cities. This office will continue to commit federal resources to these efforts."

The conviction resulted from an investigation conducted by the N.H. State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDETF").